**Metaphore and Simile** with Katy Perry’s Firework, and Jewel’s poetry

1. Review:

Simile- compares two things using the words like or as. Example: Her hair is as shiny as silk. He is as grumpy as a bear.

Metaphor- compares two things without using the words like or as: Example: Her hair is silk. He is a bear.

Look back at your notes and refresh your memory on alliteration, assonance, consonance, repetition, rhyme, etc.

1. Listen to this youtube video and try to identify some poetic devices Katy Perry used in her song, “Firework”.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TI18KxwbMk>

1. Listen to it again, while following along on your **handout** (get from Mrs. Anderson) of her lyrics. Highlight or underline and label:

Similes- in one colour

Metaphors- in a second colour

All other poetic devices- in a third colour

1. Listen now to Jewel’s two songs and identify any poetic devices that you can. The first one, “You were meant for me” is on the back of “Firework”. Please highlight/underline to identify as many figures of speech that you can.

“You were meant for me” with lyrics (also printed below)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fA_mSEXVyPw>

“Hands” with lyrics: There is no handout for this. See if you can identify figures of speech just by listening to it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk0bKfC8XSE>

1. Jewel also writes poetry that is not put to music (yet). Also on the back of the “Fireworks” handout, are two of her poems, “As a Child” and “Lost”.
2. Using your highlighter, identify at least 5 poetic devices used in “As a Child”. Highlight and label.
3. Look carefully at the poem “Lost”. In this poem, she chose 6 meaningful words, to her, and compared them to something else using metaphors only. Identify her comparisons ( in your head).
4. Choose 6 words that are meaningful to you, which you will compare to something else in metaphor, following Jewel’s model in this poem “Lost”. It helps if all 6 words are about a single theme. For example, you could chose 6 food words, 6 superheroes, 6 character traits, 6 friendship words, 6 Christmas words, 6 family words, 6 religious words, etc. Once you have chosen 6 words, think about what each one could be compared to and write it in a sentence as a simile using the words “like” or “as”. For example:
   1. Secrets are **as** precious **as** rare diamonds.
      1. Then turn the simile into a metaphor by taking out the “like” or “as”
   2. Secrets **are** precious rare diamonds buried deep underground.

Please think about these comparisons in a poetic way. You must use metaphors, but if you see a way to use other poetic devices such as alliteration, assonance or consonance, please do it. Do not take the simplest, most childish way out. I want to see some mature thought put into the comparisons. You will be marked accordingly.

Do this for each of your six words. Then in your final copy, type it so it looks like Jewel’s “Lost” poem. Hand in both the rough copy and final copy, edited, title and your name on it.

Staple together as a package, with your name on each page and hand in: 1. The highlighted and labelled copy of “Firework” and “You were meant for me”; 2. The highlighted and labelled poem “As a Child”; 3. Your rough copy and final copy of your poem modelled after “Lost” using metaphors and any other poetic devices you can.

**"Firework" by Katy Perry**

Do you ever feel like a plastic bag,  
drifting through the wind  
wanting to start again?  
Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin  
like a house of cards,  
one blow from caving in?  
  
Do you ever feel already buried deep?  
6 feet under screams but no one seems to hear a thing  
Do you know that there's still a chance for you  
'Cause there's a spark in you  
  
You just gotta ignite, the light, and let it shine  
Just own the night like the 4th of July  
  
'Cause baby you're a firework  
Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh"  
As you shoot across the sky-y-y  
  
Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh"  
You're gonna leave 'em all in awe, awe, awe  
  
You don't have to feel like a waste of space  
You're original, cannot be replaced  
If you only knew what the future holds  
After a hurricane comes a rainbow  
  
Maybe your reason why all the doors are closed  
So you could open one that leads you to the perfect road  
Like a lightning bolt, your heart will glow  
And when it's time, you'll know  
  
You just gotta ignite, the light, and let it shine  
Just own the night like the 4th of July  
  
'Cause baby you're a firework  
Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh"  
As you shoot across the sky-y-y  
  
Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"  
You're gonna leave 'em all in awe, awe, awe  
  
Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon  
It's always been inside of you, you, you  
And now it's time to let it through-ough-ough  
  
'Cause baby you're a firework  
Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"  
As you shoot across the sky-y-y  
  
Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"  
You're gonna leave 'em all in awe, awe, awe  
  
Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon  
Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon

**"You Were Meant For Me" by Jewel**

I hear the clock, it's six a.m.  
I feel so far from where I've been  
I got my eggs I got my pancakes too  
I got my maple syrup, everything but you.  
I break the yolks, make a smiley face  
I kinda like it in my brand new place  
I wipe the spots off the mirror  
Don't leave the keys in the door  
Never put wet towels on the floor anymore' cause  
  
*[Chorus:]*  
Dreams last so long  
even after you're gone  
I know you love me  
And soon you will see  
You were meant for me  
And I was meant for you.  
  
I called my momma, she was out for a walk  
Consoled a cup of coffee but it didn't wanna talk  
So I picked up a paper, it was more bad news  
More hearts being broken or people being used  
Put on my coat in the pouring rain  
I saw a movie it just wasn't the same  
'Cause it was happy or I was sad  
It made me miss you oh so bad 'cause  
  
*[Chorus]*  
  
I go about my business, I'm doing fine  
Besides what would I say if I had you on the line  
Same old story, not much to say  
Hearts are broken, everyday.  
I brush my teeth and put the cap back on  
I know you hate it when I leave the light on  
I pick a book up. Turn the sheets down.  
And then I take a deep breath and a good look around  
Put on my pjs and hop into bed  
I'm half alive but I feel mostly dead  
I try and tell myself it'll be all right  
I just shouldn't think anymore tonight 'cause  
  
*[Chorus]*  
  
Yeah... You were meant for me and I was meant for you.

**As A Child**

As a child I walked with noisy fingers

along the hemline of so many meadows of back home.

Green fabric stretched out, shy earth, shock of sky.

I'd sit on logs like pulpets,

listen to the sermon of sparrows

and find god in simplicity

there amongst the dandelion and thorn.

Now I frequent hotel lobbies,

like a chain smoker having a bad day.

A nasty habit that breathes itself.

Delivering each day to the needy next.

Each with the promise of glitter and glory.

But how my tiny heart aches to return.

Like a daisy rooted in rot and rubbish

asked to grow in strange rooms.

Fed neon and cold pizza.

I fear I may wither with forgetfullness.

So I pull these pages close about my ears

Tiny, leafy limbs pale with impression.

My pen a single flame to keep me warm

like a beacon holding memory.

Until I am able to go back to my lovely mountains,

or until I am strong enough to bring their essence

to the rest of these hungry people

who long to remember the simplicity

which lies beyond the cities inbred streets

and the godliness which resides in us all.

Jewel

Lost

**Lost**

is a puzzle of stars

that breathes like water

and chews like stone.

**Alone** is a reminder

of how far your acceptance is

from your understanding.

**Fear** is a bird

that believes itself

into extinction.

**Desperation**

the honest recognition

of a false truth.

**Hope**

seeing who you really are

at your highest

is who you will become.

**Grace**

the refinement of a

soul through time.

Jewel